President's Report

Hello All.

The AGM has come and gone, with no changes, just a few more wrinkles.

Having the AGM and then the normal meeting is normally a long drawn-out process, and I think a few of us dread the evening. Not this time, it didn’t drag on for too long (not sure what time we finished), but the chatter was infectious.

I just couldn’t shut you blokes up; but it was a great meeting and a lot of good hearted discussions were going around.

We went to the Giru show on the 11th of September, set up time was around 10am, and we had about eight engines (one was static but we won’t talk about that) and three mowers.

It turned out that there wasn’t quite enough room and Ian W couldn’t squeeze his engines in.

The day was very hot and sticky and a few of us had the sweat just dripping of us, Shane had his Blacksmiths furnace set up as a BBQ, and lunch was great, he uses a special herbal mixture, I think its called Grass n Twigs, but still nice.

A nice easy and relaxing day with no problems at all, we got a big thanks from one of the organizers and has asked us to be there next year, he was pleased at our turn out, and hopes that next year will be as good.

See ya…

Andy Nicholson
Jondaryan Woolshed
By Keith Hendrick.

Club members have had a busy time this month, travelling down to Jondaryan on the 4th of May, then travelling back to Townsville on the 11th of May in time to set up for the North Queensland Field Day, then preparing their engines for the Sunday in West End Park run by the Townsville City Council for their Heritage Day 2010 on Sunday the 16th of May.

Russell and I left early Tuesday morning to travel to Jondaryan. Ian Mathews left the week before towing his van with a Cooper badged Southern Cross PB in the back of his ute, he had a few places to visit. Merve left later and arrived late Thursday.

Our 5.30am early start looked like turning to sh--- rubbish, when we came upon a long string of traffic at Cluden. When we entered a long straight we could that they were moving a house, could not believe they would move a house that time of the morning the day after a public holiday. Anyway when they reached the top of the hill after crossing the railway line they pulled over and let us pass.

Photo 1: Russell checking out the Jimbour Tractor
Travelling down was fairly uneventful, I liked being a passenger for a change, my only job was calculating the ETA of each town and keeping track of fuel usage. We spent the first night at a costly Motel at Biloela. Next day we travelled via Mundubbera, Durong, Jandowae, Jimbour where checked out a huge Tractor well presented in a cage. From Jimbour we travelled to Dalby and Jondaryan.

From Dalby we met heavy traffic, truck after loaded truck heading west, the bitumen road was showing signs of stress.

We arrived at the Woolshed a day early and after a bit of consultation we ended up in the corrugated iron Shearers quarters instead of the timber one and that turned out to be an experience, both of us had slept in shearing quarters in the past but this was different.

The temperature was at least two degrees colder inside than out side and sound travelled from one end to the other, I could detect two different snorers two doors down.

After settling in we dropped the engines off, this is where we discovered a problem, the fenced off area was too narrow. Later on when we erected the tent we had to put two legs outside the compound.

To be continued...

Keith.

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Clockwise from top. Photo 1: NQMP engines up to the tree, Burdekin engines past it. Photo 2: Tony helping to fill Merve’s tank. Photo 3: Andy hard at work with his static display. Photo 4: Cast-Iron Chefs Shane and Tony dishing it up to the masses.

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